CONSPIRACY IN A POST OFFICE CHARGED

Catholic Employes Claim That They Are Marked.

TRANSACTIONS IN SILVER

NEW YORK, March 25.-There were number of witnesses before the extraordi-pary grand jury today, several of whom have or have had connection with the Madison Square Garden.

ing, and then pass right along.

"Why can't I go in? Ain't these Commissioners purty much like a board of aldermen or a common council? Don't they attend to this city's municipal business?

"You say they never do let anybody in when that card's hung out; p'raps you'll tell what they're doing. Just transacting the regular business, eh? Making contracts, approving or disapproving reports of deputies, reading complaints about holes in sidewalks, dead cats in alleys, smashed sewer traps and disorderly policemen? And don't want anybody to know what's going on? Pshaw! that's nonsense!

"There's always something Suspicious about this hole-and-corner business and while it may be all right enough here—for these Commissioners of yours are, I understand it, all honorable men—it wouldn't go out home for ten minutes. Why, if our council could shut out the reporters for an hour there'd be more steam and street-rail-road devilment hatched than the favored companies could pay for out of a year's receipts, but you folks have either got better material in your government or else a mighty lot of faith in it.

"But, as I said before, I'm only a stranger and not used to your ways, but we American people out in Iowa don't want things fixed as you have 'em. Finish your pie, John; sorry I interrupted you. If you get a chance, though, you can tell your Commissioners what sort of a prairie dog I am. Bye-bye." John K. Hecksher, a member of the Jockey Club, and one of the directors of Madison Square Garden, and also a mem ber of the Horse Show Association, was among those who went before the jury. Another was J. T. Bull, who has been chief

Another was J. T. Isuli, who has been chief usher at the garden since its opening.

Just what was brought out by their testimeny was a matter of conjecture, but it is said that it is relative to the alleged irregularities between the police and the garden management.

Postmaster Dayton was also a visitor to the building, and was in consultation with Assistant District Attorney Lindsay in the latter's office, and, it is said, will be a witness before the jury.

Alleged Post Office Conspiracy.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 25.-Allegation of conspiracies in the Savannah post office are under investigation. Stamping Clerk Page has been suspended and his removal recommended. It is charged that he circulated a document by which signers pledged themselves not to report errors of one another, and to protect one another in every way possible and, it is asserted, to work for the dismissal of certain other employes. Charges have been made also against at least one other employe. There are said to be religious matters involved.

Catholic employes and their friends made complaint asserting that there is an A. P. A. conspiracy in the post office to secure their removal. The slattery outbreak occurred here a short time ago. ended. It is charged that he circu

Transactions in Silver.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., March 25,-The improvement in the price of silver greatly stimulated the buying of foreign exchange during the week, and many large transactions have been made by the banks on the United States and other foreign countries

United States and other foreign countries, the appearances being that exchange will continue to go down.

There is a probability that the great plethora of \$16,000,000 in Mexican silver now lying in the banks of this capital without use will be relieved by loans sollcited, and that a decided stimulus will be given foreign trade generally. The feeling in Mexico is much better than some weeks ago, and already the outlook for a largely increased foreign trade is good.

explanation was not satisfactory and a fine of \$5 or sixty days was imposed. Lucius Lee waited until late in the season to take a coat belonging to another. John King was his victim. The court sent Lucius to jail, where he will not need a coat for thirty days. Edward Bowen was held guilty on a charge of having stolen a hat from Louis Williams, and a fine of \$10 was imposed. Not having the money he stepped back. James Gray was given a thirty days' sentence for the larceny of a broom. John Jackson stole an overcoat and pair of trousers from an acquaintance by means An Electric Company Agreement. BOSTON, March 25.-It is announced this afternon that the agreement between the General Electric Company and the West-inghouse Company has been consummated in this city.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT ON TRIAL. He is Charged With Working Men Over Ten Hours a Day.

NEW YORK, March 25.-President Benjamin Norton of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company, Brooklyn, and his superintendent, Daniel J. Quinn, were put on trial in the court of sessions, Brooklyn, this morning. An indictment was found against them in February for violating the law which makes it a misdemeanor for employ-ers to allow employes to work more than ten consecutive hours in twelve. The pen-alty is one year's imprisonment or \$500

The selection of a jury may occupy the greater part of the day.

ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION: Tragedy in an East Side Tenement in New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Patrick Nevins was fatally stabbed by John McCahill in the tenement in East 18th street, occupied by Nevins and his family, at midnight. McCahill, who was a tenant of the same building, broke into Nevins' room, according to the story told by the wounded man and his wife, and without provocation attacked Nevins with a knife, stabbling him in the abdomen and twice in the breast. McCahill is in custody.

all sources up to March 1 was \$7,239. In provisions \$106 was received. The central relief committee \$7,000.

The charities received from the central relief committee will meet next Saturday, when it is expected that the affairs of the season will be wound up. Mr. Emery says that application has been made to the central relief committee for compensation for the employee at the Louisana avenue subkitchen. He believes that the committee will be able to meet all its obligations. NEW YORK, March 25.-Patrick Nevins

International Railway Congress. NEW YORK, March 25 .- Many of the important railroad companies in this country are arranging for proper representation at the fifth session of the internationa railway congress, to be held in London England, beginning on the 26th of next

Richmond's Wealthiest Citizen. RICHMOND, Va., March 25.-John C. Shafer, one of the wealthiest citizens of Richmond, a retired merchant and finan-cier, has died, aged seventy-five years.

Hotel Porter Burned to Death TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., March 25 .- Th Waller House, a small hotel at Central Lake, burned at midnight. James Miller, the porter, was cremated, and the other inmates narrowly escaped with their lives.

The Favorite Scratched. LONDON, March 25.-Cloister, a big favorite for the Grand National Steeplechase, which is to be run on Friday next at the Liverpool spring meeting, has been

Result Expected This Week.

DOVER, Del., March 25 .- Strenuous ef forts are being made to effect a compromise between the Higgins and Addicks factions, and it is confidently expected that a United States Senator will be chosen this week. One ballot was taken today. It resulted as follows: Higgins, 8: Addicks, 5; Massey, 3; Ridgeley, 10; Tunnell, 1.

Murder in the Second Degree.

DENVER, Col., March 25.-The trial of ex-Policeman Robert J. Boykin for shooting Deputy Sheriff Fulton Smith has ter-

A Friend of Mr. Quay Appointed. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 25 .- Gov. Hastings has appointed Col. Thomas Rob inson of Butler superintendent of public printing, vice Col. W. Hayes Grier of Co lumbia, resigned. Col. Robinson was for merly engaged in the newspaper business at Butler. He is a friend of Senator Quay, and is one of the foremost republican lead-ers of western Pennsylvania.

The Ex-Champion Improving.

BOSTON, Mass., March 25 .- John L. Sullivan's condition is improving. He slept well last night, and this morning partook of a good breakfast. It is expected that he will be out in a few days.

A Church Struck by Lightning. PITTSEURG, Pa., March 25.-The North Avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny, was struck by lightning and damaged \$3,500 worth during a severe electrical storm early this morning.

A Prominent Cincianatian Dead. CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 25 .- Mr. John E. Bell, a prominent citizea, identified for a long time with public affairs in Cincinnati, died at 1:30 this morning of appendic

inent physicians on the eastern shore of Virginia, died of pneumonia at his home near Accomack Court House, Va., the other day, aged sixty-five years.

AN AMAZED STRANGER.

STUCK ON THE WAYS How a Visitor Commented on the Commissioners' Way of Doing Things. "Board in Session." Hitch in the Launching of the St. The legend was in large black letters on

a white card, and was so plain that even

an apparently uninterested passer-by saw

with the news.

He was informed that the board in ques-

tion was the board of Commissioners of

tion was the board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

"Just hit it, ain't 1?" said he. "I'm a stranger and I'm doing the town up from end to end. Now I can see all the Com-missioners in a bunch and be done with 'em. Don't want to even shake hands with 'em; simply look at 'em while they're work-ing, and then pass right along.

"Why can't I go in? Ain't these Commis-sioners purty much like a board of alder-

LARCENY CASES.

A Number of Them Tried Before Judge Miller Today.

In Judge Miller's court this afternoon

number of larceny cases were tried and disposed of. In one case a woman named

Mary Hopkins was accused of having tak-

en two quarts of milk from H. A. Burgess'

house. She admitted her guilt and was

fined \$5 or fifteen days. George Short was

given a hearing because he had appropri-

ated six chickens the property of another,

he made soup of them or fried them. His

explanation was not satisfactory and a

RELIEF WORK CLOSING UP.

illes, cr about 35,000 individuals, and for

of 24,343 cases. All receipts of money from

Sentenced for Forgery.

this afternoon convicted in Criminal Court

Street Car Disorders.

fight on a cable car late last night, were

Judge Kimball gave a warning a few days

Messrs. Frizzell and Tucker of the North-

east Washington Citizens' Association call-

ed upon the District Commissioners today

quiring incoming Baltimore and Ohio trains to stop before crossing H street northeast. The association has been endeavoring to bring about this action for

Mrs. J. H. Gore, formerly of Stockholm,

gave an interesting account of the history of Sweden and the life and customs of the

Swedes in a "Talk on Sweden" Saturday

evening at the residence of Mrs. Webster,

1821 Q street. The audience found the lecture so enjoyable that several asked that it be repeated, which will doubtless be done for the benefit of some charitable or-

ganization. A strictly national feature was

given by the Dalecarlian dress worn by Mrs. Gore and the Swedish recitation which

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued today as

follows: G. B. Mullin, to erect one two-

story and cellar frame house on Broad Branch road, 300 yards north of Chapel read, to cost \$2,000.

New Engine House.

As stated in The Star Saturday, the Com-

missioners have been unable to secure a

suitable site for the proposed new build-

ing for engine company No. 2 which shall

come within the limit of cost laid down in

the appropriation. The engine house now is on D street near 12th, but the District

is on D street near 12th, but the District appropriation provided for a new home. Only two bids were received in answer to the advertisement calling for proposals, and these have both been rejected as excessive. The Commissioners have decided to try a second time, and have advertised for bids, which will be opened, presumably in secret session, next Saturday.

Saturday afternoon Policeman King of

rested the gamblers jumped overboard and

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock an

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded from box 426 for fire in the house of George Dent, colored, No. 920 Delaware avenue southwest. Two feather beds were destroyed and the house was slightly damaged.

This morning about 2 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from box 413 for the burning of a vacant house belonging to Mrs. Riley, on 8th street southwest. The loss is estimated at \$50.

to thank them for their recent order re

Annie Brown and Edmonia Williams,

"What board?" asked he of a watchful The Blds Ship Had Sunk so That It nessenger, who was doing his hest to read Wouldn't Slide - Posta newspaper and eat a pie at one and the ame time, but who, because of the surponed the Affair. rounding gloom and a sturdy appetite, was making more progress with the pie than

PHILADELPHIA, March 25,-While is of eyes were riveted upon the big St. Paul and waiting with bated breath to see her take her maiden dip it was seen by the superintendent that the ways had settled down and that the big were quickly ordered back and work began at once on the ways.

It was stated that it might require anywhere from half an hour to half a day to

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—The launch of the St. Paul has been indefinitely postof the St. Paul has been much poned.

The delegation from the city of St. Paul arrived in town yesterday, and were welcomed by Mayor Stuart and officials of the company. In the party were J. comed by Mayor Stuart and officials of the navigation company. In the party were J. J. Parker, president of the city councils, who represented the mayor of the city, and these member: of councils: Messrs. Brady, Markham, Kartak, Ehrmantrout, Milham, Johnson, Reardon, Arosin and Lewis.

Among the other St. Paul guests were Mr. and Miss. Finch, Mr. and Miss Stees, Mr. and Miss. Otis, State Senator W. B. Dean and wife, Miss Dean, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chittenden, Sherman Finch, H. W.

F. S. Chittenden, Sherman Finch, H. W. Hall, A. H. Stees, C. W. Horr, E. W. Peet, Mrs. W. F. Peet, F. A. Johnson and F. N. Van Dusee and wife, Joseph McKibbln, Col. W. P. Clough, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brand, and Mrs. Hokanson.

It is well known that the St. Paul is almost the counterpart of the St. Louis, differing chiefly in the steering apparatus. On the St. Louis it is of the screw gear type, with Williamson's steam and hand steering engine, while on the St. Paul Brown's patent steering gear will be used. The rudder is of the single plate type. The ship's dimensions are: Length between perpendiculars, 535 feet; length over all, 554 feet 2 inches; extreme beam, 62 feet 9 inches; depth from first deck to flat keel, 42 feet 4 inches; depth of hold for temnage amidship, 23 feet 2 inches; height of how above water line at load draught, 33 feet; number of decks, 5; number of water tight compartments, exclusive of ballast tanks, 12; gross register, 10,700 tons; load displacement, 15,000 tons; dimensions of main saloon, 100 feet 4 inches by 46 feet; dimension of second cabin, 39 feet 6 inches by 56 feet; seating capacity of main saloon, 322; seating capacity of second cabin, 206; berthing capacity of steerage, about 100. The propelling machinery is a pair of vertical quadruple expansion engines, to carry a working steam pressure of 200 pounds, and expected to develop from 18. feet 2 inches; extreme beam, 62 feet 9 carry a working steam pressure of 200 pounds, and expected to develop from 18,000 to 29,000 collective indicated horse power. These are the largest and most powerful marine engines ever built in America, and as the principle of quadruple expansion has never before been applied on so large a scale, its results in this case will be watched with interest. Hall and Watman anchors are to be used. The ship will carry fourteen Chambers collapsible life boats, fourteen ordinary life boats, one cutter, one gig and four metal boats.

WENT TO SEE THE LAUNCHING. A Large Party of Guests From This City.

John Jackson stole an overcoat and pair of trousers from an acquaintance by means of a trick, and one of the witnesses described his conduct as a "hoodoo" trick. He was fined \$25 or sixty days. A similar sentence was imposed in the case of William Kidwell, against whom there was a charge of stealing eggs. Thomas Harris was charged with having entered the house of R. J. Donnelly with intent to steal. He was given a preliminary examination and Secretary Carlisle and friends and the was given a preliminary examination and was held in \$500 real estate security for the action of the grand jury. Gridiron Club, accompanied by ladies, left here at 8 o'clock this morning on a special train of three parlor cars, a composit a dining car, to be guests of honor of Mr. Charles H. Cramp of Philadelphia at the Final Reports From the Associated Charities and Union Mission. launching of the steamship St. Paul, at Cramp's ship yards, this afternoon. Upon The Associated Charities and Central arrival at Philadelphia the party was Union Mission have made their reports of driven to Chestnut street wharf, where the the relief work done the past winter for the poor. The charities helped 7,025 famcial use of the club, and decorated with this work received an appropriation of to Kensington, to witness the launch. \$7,000. The Central Union Mission helped Those making the trip were Secretary and 5,958 families, and furnished meals and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Carledging, in return for work, to the number lisle, and Assistant Secretary and the lisle, and Assistant Secretary and the Misses Hamlin, Gen. George B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chew, Miss Bell Armstrong, Mr. F. A. Richardson, Col. John Cassels and daughter, Dr. Edward Bedloe, Wm. E. Annin, Mrs. R. E. Arnin, David S. Barry, Mrs. Barry, Henry V. Boynton, Miss Boynton, John M. Carson, Mrs. Carson, Miss Virginia Butler, H. C. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, L. A. Coolidge, Mrs. Coolidge, P. V. DeGraw, Mrs. P. V. DeGraw, Mrs. Samuel Cross, A. W. Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, E. G. Dunnell, Mrs. Dunnell. all sources up to March 1 was \$7,239. In Graw, Mrs. Samuel Cross, A. W. Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, E. G. Dunnell, Mrs. Dunnel, Richard Lee Fearn, Mrs. Fearn, Louis Garthe, F. H. Hosford, Mrs. Hosford, E. J. Gibson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Roland Gibson, Mr. Henry, Mr. Roland Gibson, Mr. F. A. G. Handy, Mrs. Handy, S. E. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Robert M. Larner, Miss Evelyn Larner, Miss Carrie Larner, Mr. F. E. Leupp, Mrs. Leupp, R.B. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Bradford, J. J. Noah, C. C. Randolph, Mrs. Braddolph, Reginald Schroeder, Mrs. Schroeder, M. G. Seckendorff, Master Seckendorff, J. S. Shriver, Miss Shriver, O. O. Stealey, Mrs. Stealey, W. B. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens, A. J. Stofer, jr., George H. Walker, Mrs. Walker, E. B. Wight, Mrs. Wilkins, R. J. Wynne, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Handy, Miss Virginia Handy, F. S. Presbrey, Mrs. Beale Howard, Mrs. Beale Howard, George Y. Coffin, E. B. Hay, Mrs. Henry Kalser, Herndon Morsell, Mrs. Morsell, Hub. T. Smith, Henry Kalser, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Wm. E. Curtis, Miss Noyes. Mrs. Dunn, E. G. Dunnell, Mrs. Dunnell, John Welsh, a young colored man, was No. 1 of forging the indorsement of E. L. Tschiffely on a check for \$9, drawn by Dr. O. H. Brightwell. Judge McComas sentenced Welsh to five years in the penitenyoung colored women who figured in a tried in Judge Kimball's court today. ago that he would make the penalties in street car disorders more severe than in ordinary disorderly gatherings, and today he fined the Williams woman \$20, while her companion was fined \$15.

HAD A RIGHT.

A Pistol Figures in a Row on B

Yesterday morning between 12 and 1 clock there was a lively scene on B stree southwest, just south of the Capitol grounds, when L. Flannery, the sculptor, and several colored men figured in a row, Two marines and citizens on their way home stopped to take a hand in the trouble and the affair resulted in the arrest of Mr. Flannery on a charge of concealed weapous, and Daniel Lee, colored, for alleged assault. Mr. Flannery was in his studio, when the barking of a dog attracted his attention outside the building. When he went out several colored men were there and he charges they jumped on him and knocked him down. He had his pistol in his hand at the time, and when the two marines reached the place, one of them assisted him to his feet and took the pistol from him. The colored men went across the street to the Caritol grounds and threw the street to the Caritol grounds and threw stones across the street. One of the missiles struck a marine, and it is alleged two pistol shots were fired by one of them.

The marines caught Lee and gave him rough treatment, and when arrested his head was covered with blood.

Judge Miller heard the proof, which was contradictry. The evidence failed to disclose just who red the shots.

Lee was given six months in jail and Mr. Fiannery was acquitted, the judge saying he had a right to have the weapon on his own premises.

Two young men, members of the fourth artillery, went over to Jackson City yesterday and found the law being openly vioated. Rum was being sold and the shell workers were operating in full force. These ping their cash money, one of them, who thought he had solved the game, bet his thought he had solved the game, bet his diamond pin, and, of course, he lost. He now wants to recover the pin, but as Jackson City has not yet been declared a part of the District, the police here could not help him.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Elvin J. Marshall and Sarah both of Alexandria, Va.; James E. Carroll and Bertie May Windsor: Milton P. Brittain and Mary A. Johnson; Edvard S. Hutchins and Minnie Sellhausen; John Burgess of this city and Helen Dillon of Richmond, Va.

O. H. Douney, of Albion, Ind., an acknowledged expert in matters relating to advertising proneunces The Washington Evening Star one of the best six daily papers in the United States for advertisers' use, because-to usohis own words-"because it comes nearer to covering its field entirely than any other paper on earth."

THINGS HEARD AND SEEN.

Naval officers, almost without exceptio take the part of the Spanish man-of-war the duty of the navy to police the seas, and the Spanfard, in the performance o his duty, should have fired upon a vessel that was suspected of carrying arms to

been made for them. A family of six or seven, each drawing that amount, lives very comfortably in the Indian territory on such an income. Many white men have married into the tribe and have found that they can live much more easily on the in-come of their wives and children than by working.

Admiral Jouett of the navy, retired, was talking the other day about the capacity of some citizens of the United States to get the government into little troubles. "I was on a four years' cruise in the Pacific," said he, "back in 1853-56, and we touched at a great many places. It seems to me that there was not an island in that great ocean where there was not some trouble with the natives, and we were constantly called upon to straighten them out and settle the difficulties. Finally we got down to one of the Fiji islands, and I said to the captain that I guessed none of them had got down here and we would find that there was nothing to fix up. But we had hardly got anchored when a fellow came alongside in a canoe. He was blue as indigo, having been tatooed all over. 'Haow dye ye deu,' he called out, with a nasal twang that there was no mistaking. 'Well,' I said to the captain, 'there is no getting away from them. Here he is.' And, do you know, that fellow was in trouble, too. He had married into the royal family, and was trying to get control of the government, and he wanted us to help him. Give these Yankees a chance and they would have us in trouble everywhere.'"

Some Missourians are quite indignant when their state is classed as a southern state. They often say that it is no farther south than Kansas or Illinois, or at least that it ought not to be classed as a southern state as long as those are classed as western states. And yet both her Senators participated in the confederacy, one. Mr. Cockrell, as a dashing officer, and the other, Mr. Vest, as a member of the congress. Maybe that would make a state a part of the solid south.

Secretary Smith does not let the impres Secretary Smith does not let the impression linger long that he is subject to the influence of great railway magnates or corporations. Not long ago C. P. Huntington called upon the Secretary with a request that something regarding the Union and Central Pacific lands should not be done. This was followed in a few days with the statement from the Interior Department that precisely the opposite of what Huntington had requested would be done.

Long ago we gave up the inquiry,"What's in a rame?" but now we may well ask, "What's in a color?" The light house tender Violet, in which the President takes his outings, is a dirty black, with the exception of the wheels, which are a smoky

Dan Ransdell of Indiana, whom Washington people will remember, pleasantly as marshal of the District, was in the city a few days ago. He says that ex-President Harrison has almost fully recovered from the serious case of grip which he had, but had not up to the time Mr. Ransdell left ventured from his residence. The ex-marshal says that the presidential bees not apparently troubling the ex-Presidential ex-marshal says that the presidential beeis not apparently troubling the ex-President, and he doubts if the candidacy of
Mr Harrison is ever seriously considered
by himself. No effort is being made by
any of Mr. Harrison's friends, says Mr.
Ransdell, and if the nomination comes to
him it will be without seeking, and because the republican convention prefers
Mr. Harrison to any other man that may
be before it.

First Assistant Postmaster General Jones has been having some correspondence with a school ma'am in Honoluliu about a silk wrapper and waist. However, it was all strictly official, but it goes to show what sort of stuff comes into the dead letter office, which is under Mr. Jones' care. The articles wanted by the lady in Hawaiia were duly mailed, but lacked \$2.55 of enough postage to carry them so far into the Pacific. They came to the dead letter office, and a letter was sent to the lady telling her why. No reply was received for some time and meanwhile the package was returned to the sender. But finalage was returned to the sender. But final and waist to be straightened out, and it is to be hoped that the Honolulu school ma'am is not dependent entirely upon this post office package during the time it has taken, and will take, to get it to the islands of the Pacific.

Gradually we get reconciled to seeing women on bicycles, even in bloomers, but it is still grating on the nerves to see an old man with snow-white hair and beard perched on a machine, especially when wearing a shiny slik hat. The line ought to be drawn somewhere.

A Third Indictment. After an arraignment of the man on one ndictment this morning, the grand jury this afternoon returned a third indictment against against Thomas J. Taylor, charging him with the murder of his wife, Nannie W. Taylor, in September last. Th indictment on which Taylor was arraigned this morning was, like the first one returned against him, defective, because of clerical error. The error in the first one was discovered before the alleged murdersecond one not until after the arraignment had taken place. As the man't is er was arraigned, but the error in the torney Birney believes, is all right, and he expects the trial to proceed tomorrow morning.

Not a Felony.

The Supreme Court today sustained the action of the circuit court for the western district of Texas, in which James H. Reagan was convicted for receiving and concealing forty head of cattle that had been smuggled from Mexico and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. One of the questions passed upon was whether the offense was a felony, in which case the de fendant would have been entitled to ten peremptory challenges, but Justice Har-lan, who gave the opinion, declared that it was but a misdemeanor and that he was entitled to but three challenges, thereby sustaining the action of the lower court.

An Exposition at Odessa. The State Department has been informed

that the Russian government is about to hold an exposition at Odessa, beginning May 5 next, of objects concerned in the construction and the inner arrangement of dwelling houses. As the exhibits may enter free of duty, it is hoped that the United States may be represented.

Gov. McKinley has been confined to his been discovered. Edward Manderverth, postmaster at Springdale, near Cincinnati, has been ariested for pilfering letters.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Program for the Spring Tour. of the

The Quota of District Appointment Completed-The Examiners Who Will Go and the Places.

The United States civil service commis sion has completed arrangements for its partmental, railway mail and Indian serv-George R. Wales, who begins at Wilming ton, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa., and continues at important cities through New England, returning through eastern New York and eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Henry A. Hesse conducts the south-

that was suspected of carrying arms to the revolutionists, if the vessel refused to heave-to when requested. They say that the common courtesy of the ocean would require an officer to heave-to if another vessel desired to speak him, or at least to slow up and allow the vessel to come alongside. One old sait, speaking of the alfair, remarked: "I would have blown him out of water if he would not answer my signals, especially if I had reason to suspect him."

It is a very good thing to be an Osage Indian. Each one of them draws about \$200 a year from the investments that have been made for them. A family of six or seven, each drawing that amount, lives very comfortably in the Indian territory on such an income. Many white men have married into the tribe and have found that they can live much more easily on the income of their wives and children than by Wyoming is at present excessive, and no applications for any departmental examinaapplications for any departmental examina-tions will be accepted from legal residents thereof unless there is a failure to secure eligibles from other states. Applications from residents of these states and terri-tories will, however, be accepted for all railway mail and Indian service examina-

tions.
(2) The following named states and territories have also received an excessive share of appointments, but to a less extent than those named above, and during the first half of this year no applications for the clerk-copyist or the messenger and watchman examination will be accepted from legal residents thereof. Colorado. watchman examination will be accepted from legal residents thereof: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohlo, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. Applications from legal residents of these states and territories will be accepted for all departmental special, railway mail and Indian service examinations.

aminations.

At Washington the clerk copyist exami-At Washington the clerk copyist examination will not be given, but the Indian service examinations and all special departmental examinations, except typewriting and stenography, will be given on the first Tuesday in April; the examination in typewriting and stenography will be given on the first Wednesday in April. The railway mail examination will be given on the first Thursday in April. first Thursday in April.

RACING AT ST. ASAPH'S. Good Racing and Good Attendance at

The fourth day of the Virginia Jockey Club's meeting, at St. Asaph's, showed marked improvement in their program today, the fields being larger and the quality good in every call. The attendance was good despite the threatening weather, and the fact that Monday is considered an off the fact that Monday is considered an off-day. It was thought that the rain of yes-terday would make the track heavy, but it was in good shape.

Willie Parsons has signed to ride for W.
M. Rogers in place of Willie Ham.
Seventeen books did business.
First race, half-mile—Himyard (Keefe), 6 to 5, first; Gimme (Nacey), 3 to 1, second; Full Sea (Reiff), 3 to 1, third. Time, .51 3-4.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

A Hearing Offered.

The Commissioners this afternoon notiled the secretary of the Federation of Labor that they would give a hearing to that organization tomorrow at 11 a.m. in order to hear their side of the controversy that is now on between them and the building inspector with reference to the construction of the new school building in Southeast Washington, which they claim is faulty.

Excise Board. The excise board held a meeting this afernoon and allowed the follownig transfers of wholesale liquor licenses: B. B.

The Asbury Memorial Fund. Bishop Hurst has recently closed the

essions of the Lexington, Ky., and the Wilmington, Del., conferences. The subscriptions of the Methodist preachers for the Asbury Memorial Hall of the American University were increased at the former by \$2,000 and at the latter by \$5,000. The total pledged now is \$75,000.

A Murder Case.

One of the most interesting cases before the Supreme Court during the past year was the appeal made by "Sam" Hickory, who was sentenced to be hanged by Judge Perker of the circuit court for the western district of Arkansas, and whose conviction was overruled by the Supreme Court on account of the tenor of the judge's charge. Tcday the appeal of "Willie" Johnson, alias Willie Overton, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Sherman Russell, by shooting, was passed upon, and the action of Judge Parker's court was affirmed affirmed.

Johnson was accused of taking a hand in

the murder, while the actual shot was fired by Sam Woodward. Exceptions were taken to the charge of the judge relating to Johi son's presence and the actual effect and intent of certain acts of his, but the and intent of certain acts of his, but the court found the charge correct. Judge Brewer said that the impression had been made upon the court that there was a reasonable doubt of Johnson's guilt, but that the jury, which heard and saw the witnesses, was probably a better judge of that metter. that matter.

Sergeant Daley has made another move in the direction of cleaning out the dis-reputable houses in the vicinity of Maryland avenue, almost in the shadow of the Capitol, and last night he commenced the Capitol, and last night he commenced the crusade by raiding the house of Louisa Worthington, No. 114 Maryland avenue, a house where a number of Chinamen have been in the habit of visiting females. But Chinamen were not the only persons who visited the house, for when the raid was made last night there were two white men in addition to four Chinamen and four women in the house.

Louisa was in the Police Court this morning charged with keeping a disorderly house, and her counsel demanded a jury trial. The case went over until tomorrow.

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Clio Oliver, one of the young women found in the place, was sentenced to three months for vagrancy.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.-Walter 1 Blake, city editor of the Stockton Independent, and one of the best-known newspaper men on the Pacific coast, was shot and dangerously wounded under the win-dows of the Palace Hotel by a footpace

Representative Wallick has introduced a bill in the Illinois legislature to levy a tax on bachelors.

Prince William of Hesse is said to have gallantly rescued a woman from drowning after she had attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself into the river Woog recently. The prince had great difficulty in swimming ashore.

Fred Allen, convicted of an attempt at rape, was Thursday, at Albany, N. Y., sentenced to prison for ten years. The judge expressed his regret that he could not make the sentence twenty years.

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PICTURES AND MINIATURES. The Art Treasures of the Handsom Home of Mrs. Hearst.

One of the most interesting features in the splendid or mamortation of Mrs. Hearst's home is the collection of small curios and Napoleonic ministures and portraits of that period. These are not confined to any particular room, but are so numerous that they are sufficient to make an important part of the wonderful things in this house which delight a cultivated person at every turn. Most of the large canvases are hung on the walls of the picture gallery, Lut there are other fine pictures in each lut there are other fine pictures in each of the drawing rooms. They are all of most pleasing subjects. A Watteau and another by his pupil, Lancret, a Millet and a splendid example of Rousseau—a woodland scene, with a flock of sheep—are some of the gems, although a lady's portrait, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, would ornament a great room by itself.

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A sedan chair is filled with choice bits of lacquer, jade, ivory carvings, old silver in a multitude of odd and pretty things. On the great inlaid table, where art books and photographs are piled, is a silver and porcelain lamp, one of the most superb specimens of the silversmith's art probably in this country. A large part of the north wall of the picture gallery is covered by Spanish tapestry, glowing with gorgeous color. Mozart's spinnet is another rare antique in this room. A collection of photographs made of the house while it was decorated for different entertainments the past season, and especially for the roccommusicale, are other-valued acquisitions.

Collection of Cameos.

Collection of Cameon. In the west drawing room, which is as lainty as a Watteau picture, there is a glass-covered table, where there is a superb collection of cameos, Marie Antoinette ewelry, watches and finger rings, which belonged once to some court favorite, and some of the timest and most exquisite of miniatures, each of which is worth its weight in gold.

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Art lovers regard the mansion as a real storehouse of all that is best in an artistic way in the decoration of a real home. This applies rot only to the articles purely for decorative purposes, but to the furnishings and china in actual use. Mrs. Hearst has made a beautiful collection of china, of this and other countries. The blue ware is a feature of the Holland supper room.

DEATH OF POSTMASTER DALTON. A Well-Known Official of the House

Mr. Lycurgus Dalton, postmaster of the House of Representatives, died at his home in this city, 3 B street northwest, last night. The immediate cause of his death was an attack of bronchitis, but Mr. Delton has been a sufferer for some time with nervous prostration and it is thought that his health has been gradually falling. The crisis in his condition was reached last Saturday afternoon, when he began sinking rapidly,

Mr. Dalton left a family consisting of a

wife and four children, three of them being girls. They were at his bedside when he died, together with Mr. Henry Woolfolk, a nephew, and Mr. W. C. Crawley, a friend of the family and employe of the House post office.

Mr. Dalton came to Washington from In-Mr. Dalton came to Washington from Indiana during the Forty-seventh Congress and held the position of superintendent of the Senate folding room under Col. Bright. At the commencement of the Forty-eighth Congress he was elected postmaster of the House and held it until the advent of the Reed Congress, when he gave way to a republican. He was re-elected to his position in the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses. Assistant Postmaster Ross will perform the duties of the office until the reassembling of Corgress, when a postmaster will be elected.

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A meeting of the employes of the House was held at the Capitol this afternoon, which was attended by a number of prominent Indiana people and the employes of the Senate. Ex-Representative Holman presided over the meeting and Doorkeeper Hurt was appointed secretary. Secretary Cox of the Senate, Clerk Kerr of the House and Journal Clerk Crutchfield made eulogistic remarks upon the life and character of the deceased. Honorary pallbearers were appointed as follows: Senator Voorhees, Senator Gorman, Mr. Holman, Mr. Bynum, Sergeant-at-Arms Bright, Secretary Cox, Clerk Kerr and Doorkeeper Hurt. Active pallbearers were chosen from the employes of the House post office, as follows: Messrs. Carlton, Bourne, Crawley, Horbach, Yater and Stack.

The funeral will occur from the late residence of the deceased tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment will be made at Glenwood.

THE MORTON CADETS. Active Preparations for Their Benefit

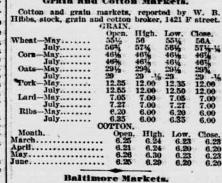
-Talent Thus Far Secured. Judging from the number of tickets al-Earnshaw, 1021 M street southeast; William H. Speiser, 209 Pennsylvania avenue ready sold, the Merton Cadets' big benefit, which will be held in Metzerott Hall Friday qualified financial and artistic success. The youthful soldiers will this evening begin active preparations in the drill line, and mean to work every night until the time for departure.

In the meantime the advisory committee In the meantime the advisory committee of the company is actively engaged in arranging for the benefit. The program, as mapped out up to date, includes Miss Annie Lewis, the popular soubrette; Miss Mary Helen Howe, soprano; the well-known Philharmonic Quartet, consisting of Mrs. Annia Craig Hills, Miss Grace McCullough, Miss Eleanor Simonds and Miss Florence Annia Craig Hills, Miss Grace McCullough, Miss Eleanor Simonds and Miss Florence Stidham, with Mrs. H. H. Mills, director; Prof. Mariano Maino, barytone; Mr. Sol Minster, violinist; Mr. George H. O'Connor, vccalist; Messrs. Culien and Collins, banjoists, and probably the Apollo Quartet, consisting of Messrs. W. D. McFarland. Perry D. Turpin, Frank Reeside and B. A. Ryan, and the Carroll Institute Orchestra

Only His Buttons Left. From the London Engineer.

An instance of the great dissolving powers of sulphuric acid is furnished by an accident which recently occurred in the cham dent which recently occurred in the chemical factories at Mulhouse, Alsace. An operative was blown up into the air and fell into a trough filled about three feet deep with sulphuric acid, the temperature of which was found to be 91 degrees C. ten hours after the accident. The death of the man was only proved by the discovery of his caoutchouc respirator, muzzle, two porcelain buttons and other insoluble articles. Everything else had chemically combined with the acid.

Grain and Cotton Markets.



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Baltimore, March 25.—Flour firm—western super, 2.00a2.10; do. extra, 2.20a2.50; do. family, 2.65a2.85; winter wheat patent, 3.00a3.25; spring do., 3.00a3.75 (special brands higher); spring wheat straight, 3.35a3.50—receipts, 15.077 barrels; shipments, 401 barrels; sales, 125 barrels. Wheat firmer-spot, menth and April, 61½,661½; May, 61½,661½; stesmer No. 2 red, 57½,358—receipts, 16.135 bushels; stock, 453,224 bushels; sales, 9,000 bushels; southern wheat by sample, 60a62; do. on grade, 57½,a61½. Corn firm—spot and month, 50a50½; May, 50½,650%; steamer mixed, 482,49—receipts, 56,355 bushels; shipments, 42,857 bushels; stock, 576,355 bushels; shipments, 42,857 bushels; stock, 576,355 bushels; shipments, 42,857 bushels; stock, 576,355 bushels; shipments, 42,857 bushels; no. 2 white western, 37½,328; No. 2 mixed western, 34½,653—receipts, 3,456 bushels; stock, 193,308 bushels; Rve dull—No. 2 North Stock, 193,308 bus

higher—No. 2 white western, 374,n38; No. 2 mixed western, 344,a35—recipts, 3,458 bushels; stock, 198,385 bushels; stock, 20,345 bushels; stock, 20,345 bushels; stock, 20,345 bushels. Hay firm—good to choice timothy, \$13,004\$13,50. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Sugar firm—granulated, 4.20 per 100 lbs. Butter firm—fancy creamery, 20; do. imitation, 16; do. ladle, 14; good ladle, 10a12; store packed, 8. Eggs weak—fresh, 12. Cheese firm—fancy New York, 60 size, 11½; do. 35 size, 12½; do. 20 to 25 size, 12½.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Stock Brokers Urging Their Customers to Buy.

GENERAL BELIEF IN ADVANCING PRICES

A Moderate Reaction in Prices is Considered Likely.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, March 25.-As indicated by

up from 1-4 to 3-4 per cent on a good volume of business. London's prices were fractionally higher also, but the volume of business from that side was small. A disposition to reduce profits into actual possession was prevalent in the trading clement and prices subsequently became irment and prices subsequently became irregular in consequence. The belief in a steadily advancing market is becoming more general and commission houses are discouraging speculation on the short side and recommending cautious buying on all concessions. The interest in the long ride of the market at present is in the main both experimental and speculative, and cannot be depended upon to support prices in the face of any sudden adverse change in the situation. Confidence is daily multiplying, however, and should present business forecasts be verified, conviction, a necessary ingredient to a bull campaign, necessary ingredient to a bull campaign, will be no longer lacking. Meanwhile a moderate reaction from present prices is both likely and desirable.

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New Jersey Central was again a feature of the regular list, selling up 1 per cent to 98 1-2 on early trading, and reacting 13-4 per cent from this price on selling, representing, both accounts. Reading was in good demand up to 121-4, a gain of 1 per cent from the opening. Lackawanna was not in sympathy with the upward movement, selling down 3 per cent on the marketing of a comparatively small block of stock.

The grangers were steady, within frac-tional limits of first prices, and attracted a fair volume of business, mostly profes-sional. The Gould group was strong, Mis-souri Pacific and Manhattan each adding 1 per cent to first prices, while some good buying of Western Union encouraged a be-lief in ultimately higher prices for that property.

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In the industrial group Chicago Gaswas conspicuous during the morning, the execution of two large competing, orders for the sale of the stock at the market resulting in a sharp decline of 2 per cent. Later trading was successful in restoring the larger part of this decline. The early movement was attributed to Chicago selling in anticipation of certain changes in the dividend policy of the company. Sugarwas in good demand by traders, selling up to 101 on a liberal volume of business.

The German situation is said to be assuming an aspect less hostile to the best interests of this company. General Flectric was sold down 2 per cent on a liberal volume of business, but covering later in the day recovered the bulk of the decline. Distillers was barely steady at a fractional decline from first figures.

The market for sterling and continents.

tions.

The last hour's trading was active and strong around the best prices of the day. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members

17% 88% 73% 92% 73 57% Cilic... R.I. and Pacific...
Del.. Lack. and W...
Delaware and Hudson...
Den. and R. Grande Pfd
Dis.and Cattle Feeding.
General Electric...
Illinois Central.
Lake Shore...
Erie... 187% 9% 52% 5% 97% 110% Louisville and Nashville Long Island Traction...

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Manhattan Elevated U. S. Cordage Co. Pfd...
New Jersey Central...
New York Central.
N. Y. and N. E. Cfs...
N. Y., C. and St. Louis...
Northern Pacific Pfd...
Northern Pacific Pfd...
North American...
Ont. and Western...
Pacific Mail...
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Ont. and western. 16%
Pacitic Mail. 29%
Phila. and Reading. 11½
Poilman Pal. Car Co.
Southern Railway. 12½
Phila. Traction. 10
Texas Pacific. 10
Tenn. Coal and Iron. 15%
Union Pacific. 10%
Wabash. 6%
Wabash Pfd. 164
Wheeling and L. Erie. 12%
Wheeling and L. E. Pfd. 44%
Western Union Tel. 88%
Wisconsin Central 1236 91 10 16% 10% 6% 14% 12% 44% 89% 19 90% 10 15% 6% 14% 12% 44% 68%

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales-regular call-12 o'clock m.—Belt Railread 5s, \$1,000 at 85. Eckington Railread 6s, \$500 at 104%. Arlington Fire Insurance, 10 at 153. Amer-lean Graphophome, 100 at 3%. After call-Wash-ington Gas, 50 at 49. Arlington Fire Insurance, 10 104%. Arlington Fire Insurance, 10 at 153. American Graphophome, 100 at 3%. After call—Washington Gas, 50 at 49. Arlington Fire Insurance, 10 at 152.

Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, registered, 110% bid, 111% asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 112 bid, 113 asked. U. S. 5s, 115% bid.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 106 bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 114 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901. currency, 118 bid. Water stock 7s, 1908, currency, 122 bid. 3,65s, funding, currency, 110 bid. 39-year fund 6s, gold, 114 bid. Water stock 7s, 1908, currency, 122 bid. 3,65s, funding, currency, 110 bid. 39-year fund 6s, 100 bid.

Miscellancous Bonds.—Washington and Georgetown Railroad couv. 6s, 24, 130 bid, 138 asked. Metropolitan Railroad couv. 6s, 24, 130 bid, 138 asked. Metropolitan Railroad couv. 6s, 24, 130 bid, 138 asked. Metropolitan Railroad couv. 6s, 135 bid. U. Sashington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 114 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 116 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A. and A., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A. and A., 100 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s, 110 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s, 110 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust 13s bid. 130 asked. Coupting 13s bid. Columbia, 132 bid. 145 asked. Columbia, 132 bid. 145 asked. Columbia, 134 bid. 190 asked. Railroad Stocks.—Washington and Georgetown, 270 bid. 300 asked. Georgen,

Washington Title, 8 asked. District Title, 10 bid, 15 asked.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomae, 55 bid. American Graphophone, 2% bid, 3½ asked. Pnenmatic Gun Carriage, .25 bid.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Washington Market, 16 bid. Great Palls Ice, 130 bid, 145 asked. Bull Run Panorama, 30 asked. Lincoln Hall, 80 bid. Inter-Ocean Building, 30 asked. Mergenthaler Lincotype, 100 bid.
*Ex div.

Reported by the Grain Exchange.

Best winter patents. 3.10a3.25; spring patents, 3.50a3.70; spring straights, 3.30a3.20; family, 2.60a 2.80; clipped white oats, 38½a39½, No. 2 white oats, 37a38; No. 2 mixed oats, 34a34½; No. 2 yellow corn, 50a51; southern white corn, 50a51; No. 1 timothy hay, 12.75a13.50; No. 1 cut hay, 13.00a 14.00; brans, 17.50a18.50; middlings, 18.00a20.00; rye straw, 13.00a14.00; wheat straw, 5.50a6.00. The above quotations are for car lots delivered.

the buoyant tone of Saturday's market, opening prices this morning were marked

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The market for sterling and continental bills was firm, rates being well up to the highest of last v.eek. The volume of business was small, and the supply of bills from the interior insignificant. The conditions of this market are likely to find immediate reflection in the stock market, and they are being carefully studied in consequence. Fortunately, there is much satisfaction expressed with the bond syndicate policy for restoring nominal conditions.

New York stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway: